

FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY

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The Crucifixion

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 29, 2020



My Dear Parishioners,

I hope all of you are safe and healthy during these uncertain times, I miss you and I am praying for you. When I offer Mass in private for the intentions which you have requested, I include a special intention for you and for medical personnel as well as got those who are making difficult decisions at this time.

While we cannot gather physically as a community, we need to stay connected to each other by our prayers and by keeping contact with family, friends, and those who live alone.

The church and/or the chapel will not be open during the day. If you need anything, please feel free to call the parish office. Confessions will be heard by appointment only. I will attempt to anoint those nearing the end of life. However, many hospitals and other facilities are restricting access. Clergy are subject to the same restrictions as you are.

Unfortunately, our Fish Fry had to be suspended. This will cause a loss of income and community interaction. I am very grateful to the many volunteers who are so generous with their time, talent and treasure all year long.

During times of crisis, often the first action is to stop charitable giving. We are still operating and providing services (although limited) and we do have bills to pay. Also, we do feed the poor who are the most vulnerable at this time. I strongly encourage you to continue donating food and pantry supplies and to maintain your contributions to our parish. These can be mailed or dropped off to the office.

May each of us work together to continue building our community of faith. May we follow best practices for combatting the spread of the virus and keeping another healthy. May God continue to enlighten and strengthen us.

May Mary, our Blessed Mother, keep us close to her Son. St. Thomas the Apostle, pray for us.

Fr. Larry

For the safety and well-being of our parish community, parish office hours will temporarily be limited. Please call and leave a message if you have any questions. We will return your call.

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This N That by Deacon Skip

There were two birthdays in my family this past week. My sister Tina turned 68, and my youngest grandchild, Elijah, turned three. Tina lives with her husband Mike up in Marysville; she is a retired kindergarten teacher. Elijah has quite a ways to go before he retires from anything. He will probably cause some kindergarten teacher somewhere to take early retirement.

Somewhere along the line I lost track of St. Joseph's day when the swallows come back to Capistrano. More important than that I lost track of the fact that St. Joseph's Day is when the buzzards come back to Hinckley, Ohio. Welcome home. We used to see turkey buzzards when I spent my summers as a camp counselor in Connecticut. They neither look good, nor have a cheerful call. I have not seen anything that exotic around me, although I've crossed paths with a couple of robins who probably regret migrating north.

If we had Mass this weekend, we would have heard the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The Lenten Gospels are particularly good and this account is one of the better. We're never told, and I sometimes wonder, what did Lazarus do with his life after he was raised from the dead. We ourselves often get a new start on life. What do we do with it?

Holiday Park has been interesting. I'm used to seeing the parking lot empty during the day. Now its almost continuously full. I have seen more people than usual out walking, especially couples and neighbors. I actually have to look before I back up now.

I'm still struggling with the idleness. I came out of an environment where I worked a full time job, went to the seminary in the evening, attended Deacon formation one Saturday a month, performed a volunteer duty, and took care of a wife becoming increasingly sick. I have started working on a nuisance job each day, something I keep acknowledging I need to do but putting off because I was allegedly busy. I want to come out of this in better shape than when we came into it.

Be healthy; be safe. Maybe some of us will cross paths at senior hours at one of the local grocery stores.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Effective Saturday, March 14th, all weekend and weekday Masses are suspended until the Monday of Holy Week, April 6th. However, our church and chapel will be open during the usual mass times for prayer.
- Mass will be available to you each day via live-stream and other media channels.
- **ONLINE GIVING now available through our website at www.thomastheapostle.org.**
- All Religious Education classes are canceled until April 20th.
- Fish Fry is canceled.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 30, 2020

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51
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Friday, April 3, 2020

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14—27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 P.M. or by appointment by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of each month. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements at least one month prior to the desired date of Baptism. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic (that is attending Mass each weekend) and must be a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community for at least 3 months prior to the request. A baptism class is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples seeking to be married at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish should contact the parish priest at least seven months prior to the desired date of marriage. Both members of the party must be free to marry, at least one must be baptized Catholic and a registered member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Community. Only the parish priest may confirm a date for a wedding at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office to request this Sacrament. You do not need to wait until the person is actively dying to call.

FUNERALS

Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. Memorial Masses are scheduled Monday-Friday normally.



Ministries Center
by
Cindy Portis

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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

I have come to a decision to leave my position here at the parish as Christian Service coordinator and bookkeeper. My last day will be March 31st. The past ten years have been very challenging but rewarding. We have been through a lot of changes together and the support I have experienced from each of you is a true testament to the parish. Continue supporting each other not just through this current world situation but each and every day. I will miss all of you and you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

I will be going to St. Colette in Livonia as the Christian Service Coordinator so not too far. May God grace many blessings on each of you in the coming years.

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

In Matthew 28, we hear about the Resurrection of Jesus when Mary Magdalene and Mary went to the tomb. There was in the gleaming bright white an angel who said, "Do not be afraid, I know you are seeking Jesus, he has been raised from the dead just as he said."

During these uncertain times now in 2020 we are faced with questions on what is going to happen. How will we make it through. Is there light at the end of the tunnel? If we draw on our faith, we know that there will be light at the end of the tunnel.

Just like Mary Magdalene and Mary were told, DO NOT BE AFRAID, we too cannot be afraid. There will be an end to this pandemic, this too shall pass. It just takes a whole lot of Jesus, patience and faith. We too have to trust that there will be light at the end of this tunnel.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry has been bagging food to hand out to those who would come in and shop to reduce the amount of exposure to our volunteers as well as the clients. We are so grateful for your donations as we have been able to give each family the basics in food and paper products.

RIGHT TO LIFE BABY SHOWER

WeeCare in Livonia has called and the pick up of baby items will be delayed until April sometime. You can still drop items off at the parish office or leave them at church if you come for private prayer.



March 13, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to receive reports about the spread of the Coronavirus in our communities, I write to you today with some news that may be difficult to hear. After consultation with health care professionals and government officials, **I am temporarily suspending all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Detroit until Monday, April 6.**

The celebration of Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith, through which we encounter and enter into sacred Communion with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The decision to temporarily suspend this practice was not and must never be taken lightly. As Mass is a commemoration of Christ's great act of love for us, we take this unprecedented measure with eyes fixed on him and his greatest commandment to love one another, which in this difficult time means that we ensure the health and safety of our community by following the wise counsel of local, state, and federal government and health officials.

During this growing spread of COVID-19, we must redouble these efforts, particularly of prayer and fasting. We should pray and fast for God's mercy on our local community and the whole world to end the Coronavirus pandemic. We should pray for medical professionals, researchers, and government leaders that the Lord would give them wisdom in their work and that we would heed their advice and directions for the good of society, especially for the least among us, those who are most susceptible of contracting this virus and other illnesses. You can find prayer resources here. More resources will be forthcoming.

The decision to temporarily suspend public Masses has been communicated to your pastors in a separate correspondence with more details. Effective Saturday, March 14, **all Sunday and weekday public Masses, faith formation courses, communal Penance services, and all other parish events will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Detroit until Monday of Holy Week, April 6.** Mass will be available to you each day via live-stream and other media channels. You can find these on our website www.aod.org. Be assured that our priests will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each day in private so as to harness and direct the great spiritual grace and power contained therein.

As you temporarily participate at Mass in this different way, you and your families are encouraged to make a daily Spiritual Communion by praying:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

At the discretion of pastors, **churches may be open for private prayer so that you can approach Our Lord who is fully present in the Tabernacle.** Whenever the church remains open, it is the responsibility of the pastor (or the one whom he designates) to ensure that no more than 100 people are present at one time. This directive is given by local government so that the number of cases of those infected with COVID-19 does not spike. Therefore, so as to refrain from large gatherings, there will be no posted times for collective prayers, recitation of the Rosary, or other set times for gathering.

Funerals, weddings, and baptisms are at the discretion of the pastor but are not to exceed 100 people in attendance. Holy Communion, except as Viaticum, will not be distributed to the faithful at any liturgy during this time. Individual confessions, anointings, and other forms of pastoral care can be offered in a case-by-case basis. Consult your local parish for any of these needs during this time.

As I mentioned in my letter yesterday, let us entrust ourselves to Our Lady of Lourdes, patron for those who suffer illness. Through her intercession, may God grant healing and protection to the people of southeast Michigan and beyond. And let us, by the courageous hope with which we face the challenge of the virus' spread, give witness to our confidence in the good news of the Lord's victory over suffering and death.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron Archbishop of Detroit

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

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Worship Schedule		April 4 & 5, 2020	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT			
ALTAR SERVERS	<p>Effective Saturday, March 14, all Sunday and weekday public Masses, faith formation courses, communal Penance services, and all other parish events will be suspended in the Archdiocese of Detroit until Monday of Holy Week, April 6. Mass will be available to you each day via live-stream and other media channels. You can find these on our website www.aod.org. Be assured that our priests will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass each day in private so as to harness and direct the great spiritual grace and power contained therein.</p>		
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST			
LECTORS			
SACRISTAN			
MASS INTENTIONS	+ANN POPEK +RONALD KENDRA +THOMAS KELLY +MICHAEL GOSHEY	+MAE ROSE JOANN BIEGALSKI	+KAPANKE-OMILIAN FAMILY +MIKE DESCAVISH BILL AND KATHY MAIN

**Weekday Masses
March 30-April 3, 2020**

Monday, March 30
8:30 am.....CHAPEL
 +JOAN ROLLINS

Tuesday, March 31
8:30 am.....CHURCH

Wednesday, April 1
8:30 am.....CHAPEL
 COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, April 2
8:30 amCHAPEL

Friday, April 3
8:30 am CHURCH

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?**

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org. You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Acts of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshipping him in his Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

A prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Please Pray For...

Ainsworth, Karen	Chicila, Pam	Larry, Bruce	Parker, Sharon	Tetreau, Audrey
Ainsworth, Ron	Cunningham, John	Levoir, Lorraine	Pastula, Shirley	Thomas, Michael
Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Daughtery, Jeff	Luther, Brian	Persondek, Cristin	Tomasi, Jack
Altizer, Brynn	DeGrande, Colleen	Malish, Rosemary	Pietszak, Carol	Vaughn, Kelly
Arsenault, Cathy	DeGrande, Sam	Malone, Della	Pryce, Mary Ann	Wysocki, Ken
Arsenault, Fran	DiVitto, Rita	Marchand, Susan	Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)	Zonca, Barbara
Asini, Eloho	Esson, Pat	Mathison, Bonnie	Rawlings, Therese	Ziolkowski, Norm
Asini, Margaret	Farr, Viola	Mathison, Jackie	Robertson, Michael	
Bargardi, Carl	Gau, Sandy	Mayfield, Sally	Rodgers, Hiedi	
Bargardi, Frances	Hamm, Jo	McGrath, Jim	Rollins, Joan	
Bartlett, Carol	Hayes, Jacqueline	Merritt, Dan	Romanowski, Ronald	
Boyak, Carolyn	Henry, Bernadine	Miklousich, Lena	Saenz, Carlos	
Bufalini, Rose	Herlihy, Patrick	Mirabitor, Timmy	Sanregret, Anna	
Burdis, Cathy	Hrlac, Betty	Mocadlo, Audrey	Shankin, JoAnne	
Burke, Larry	Irwin, Mary	Mocadlo, Jim, Sr.	Skorupa, Peter	
Burrell, Fred	Jones, Marie	Murray, Colleen	Staudacher, Jason	
Burris, Nikita	Kietur, Deanna	Nantz, Janice	Sulkowski, Dee	
Burris Family	Kleczynski, Richard	Needham, Jim	Sulkowski, Karen	
Chateauvert, Rita	Koslosky, Alphonse	Newman, Theresa	Summet, Fred	
	Kowalczyk, Al	Niemczewski, Gordon	Szura, Samantha	
	Kuslowski, Walter			

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2019-June 30, 2020

Deceased members of the Ajlouny & Blaty family	Deceased members of the Kattula family
Deceased members Szuba-Balawajder family	In loving memory of Al Kolpacke
In loving memory of Charles Batherson	Loving memory of Gorny and Kushnir family
In loving memory of Thomas Bencic	Malish-Porembiak family
Loving memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In memory of Madeline Frank & Michael Mangold
In loving memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	Loving memory of Jerry Moynahan
In loving memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Dec. & Liv. members of the Butka & Wojtkowiak family	Deceased members of the Pattock & Stuecken families
Loving memory of coach Dave Cain	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In loving memory of Raymond and Virginia Carozza	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Liv & Dec friends & family of Tommy & Barbara Cockrum	In loving memory of Joseph Potter
William, Gloria, & Billy Cozzaglio	Richard & Eleanore Reed
In loving memory of Robert E. Derda	In loving memory of Kathy Rodgers
In loving memory of Michael Dicker	Loving memory of Sherwood & Carolyn Webber
Loving memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Loving memory of Bill Wilson
In loving memory of Bob & Ann Hoelscher	In loving memory of Mary Zarzycki
Special Intention of D.A.K.	In loving memory of Fred Zonca
Deceased Members of Kapanke-Omilian Family	

Pray for those Serving in the Military

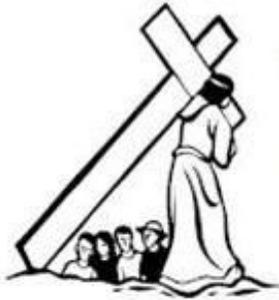
Ainsworth, Amber	Ainsworth, Raymond	McGaw, Douglas	Meadows, Erin
Angelovic, Adrian	Angelovic, George	Miller, Maj. David C.	Mondoux, Ian
Ardinger, Stephanie	Baumgardner, AJ	Moody, Samantha	Murray, Daniel
Becker, Justin	Bregand, David	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Ohannesian, Brandon
Brozek, Timothy	Campbell, Mary	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Persondek, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Chokr, Jamel	Porcaro, Jeff	Preba, Danny
Cinka, Jonathan	Coatsworth, Michael	Rosa, Brian J.	Rosa, Douglas J.
Comment, Scott	Dempsey, Joseph	Rousseau, Philip	Sheko, Destiny
DiCicco, Bill	Dwyer, Tyler	Smith, David	Smitt, David
Ellsworth, Justin	Fisher, Bob	Spiczka, Cathy	Spiczka, Greg
Gentilia, Anthony	Goudeseune, Russell	Sparrow, Justin	Spohr, Raymond
Griglio, Matthew	Kashou, Christopher	Squires, Derek	Szerszen, Michael
Laichalk, Robert	Logan, Jonathon	Steenburg, Patrick	Waldo, Michael
Logan, Sean Patrick	Logan, Jeff	Tesarz, Ian Michael	Wiertella, Jonathan
Masiarak, Luke	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Webb, Brian	Yount, Alex
McCarville, William E.	McGahan, Wade	Witt, Christopher	

Teaching Heart

Stations of the Cross -

Fill in the blanks. Use the Word Bank

cross	mother	second	wipes
Jesus	weep	third	garments
death	nailed	dies	down
first	tomb		



- 1.) Jesus is condemned to _____.
- 2.) Jesus must carry the _____.
- 3.) Jesus falls the _____ time.
- 4.) Jesus meets his _____.
- 5.) Simon of Cyrene helps _____ carry the cross.
- 6.) Veronica _____ Jesus' face.
- 7.) Jesus falls a _____ time.
- 8.) Women of Jerusalem _____ over Jesus.
- 9.) Jesus falls the _____ time.
- 10.) Jesus is stripped of _____.
- 11.) Jesus is _____ to the cross.
- 12.) Jesus _____ on the cross.
- 13.) Jesus is taken _____ from the cross.
- 14.) Jesus is laid in the _____.



Stations - Missing Word!

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Mission Statement

*We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle,
"My Lord and my God."*

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Archdiocese of Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others—no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

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Sunday 10:00 am-2:00 pm
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12:00 pm-12:30 pm for lunch.)

Sacraments

MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 pm
Sunday9:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Monday & Thursday8:30 am (Chapel)
Tuesday & Friday8:30 am (Church)

Communion Service

Wednesday.....8:30 am (Church)

Reconciliation is Celebrated

On Saturday at 3:30 pm or
by appointment